



# First United Methodist Challenge

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July 5, 2023

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

This is a season of change at FUMC. We sent out congregational emails last week sharing information about upcoming staff reorganization. At the end of July Bennie Burks and Lorrie McClure will be leaving their positions as Director of Visitation and Youth Director. Michael Robinson will come on staff full-time in a new position as the Director of Youth, Young Adults and Welcome. I will be overseeing our visitation program with the help of volunteers.



We want to celebrate Bennie and Lorrie and thank them for their years of ministry here at First United Methodist Church. There will be a reception for Bennie Burks at 10:00 AM on Sunday, July 23. We will also have a reception for Lorrie McClure on Sunday, August 6 at 10:00 AM. We are so thankful to both Bennie and Lorrie for serving God and neighbor and for their commitment to our church. I am excited for Michael Robinson and for the great things to come from his ministry here.

This Sunday we will continue the sermon series on The Sermon on the Mount. A reading guide is included in the newsletter so that we can read the entire sermon on the mount in the month of July as a congregation.

God Bless,  
Pastor Katie

## Reception for Bennie Burks

We will celebrate Bennie's  
Ministry work with a reception  
Sunday, July 23rd  
at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT READING SCHEDULE

July 10: Matthew 5:1-12  
July 11: Matthew 5:13-16  
July 12: Matthew 5:17-20  
July 13: Matthew 5:21-26  
July 14: Matthew 5:27-30  
July 15: Matthew 5:31-37

July 17: Matthew 5:38-42  
July 18: Matthew 5:43-48  
July 19: Matthew 6:1-4  
July 20: Matthew 6:5-15  
July 21: Matthew 6:16-18  
July 22: Matthew 6:19-24

July 24: Matthew 6:25-34  
July 25: Matthew 7:1-5  
July 26: Matthew 7:6-11  
July 27: Matthew 7:12-14  
July 28: Matthew 7:15-20  
July 29: Matthew 7:21-25

July 31: Matthew 7:24-29



**July 10-12**

5:30pm-8:00pm

VBS @ FUMC Kids

Ages 3-12

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks.  
At the end of 2 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

**Our Prayers for Those at Home**

- Glenda Bowers.....member
- Marcus Bowers .....member
- Linda Hicks.....friend of John Ellis
- Judy Murrah.....member
- Terri Presley.....member
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Michale Swaim.....father of Brent Swaim
- Jeannie Wagoner.....member
- Asa Whitaker .....member

**Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes**

**Brookdale Cary - Cary, NC**

Dianne Taylor..... member

**Eagle Crest Nursing & Rehab - Ash Flat**

Larry Swetnam..... father of Lorrie McClure

**Eagle Mountain Assisted Living**

Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross

Connie Crafton..... sister of Joel Wagoner

**Wildwood Independent Living**

Nelda Hackworth..... member

**Wood-Lawn Heights**

Sally Allen ..... mother of Vicki Reed

Bill Beller ..... member

Gerri Bentz..... member

Benodlyn Kramer ..... aunt of Sonya Massey

**Woodcrest Assisted Living**

**Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals**

**Burn Center - Memphis**

Cayley French .....Chris & Barb Wagoner's daughter  
Joel & Jeannie Wagoners granddaughter

**Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service**

Those who have listed family in military service, please review and update the status of your service member.

Lt. Col. Chris Carpenter .....son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter

Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow

Colonel Marc Jones .....nephew of Mildred Arnold

Sgt. Lane Lively .....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby

Capt. Ian MacDonald .....nephew of Starr & Johnny Kent

Trent McDonald.....cousin of member

Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson

Capt. Chris Milum .....husband of Kaylea Milum

Petty Officer Zane Smart .....member

Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts .....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts

Ltc. Colonel John Tice .....nephew of Verona Bebow

Major Joe Warren .....

Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler .....cousin of member

United Methodist Women will not meet in July

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We now have a refrigerator for the Youth room.  
Thank you to those who made it possible.

**Blessing Box**

Collecting these items this week

Fruit Cups

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

**If you need pastoral assistance contact:**

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

## Church Leadership

### Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce  
katie.pearce@arumc.org

### Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

### Minister of Congregational Care

Bennie Burks

### Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

### Minister to Youth

Lorrie McClure

### Youth/College Intern

Michael Robinson

### Choir Director

Amanda Lucy

### Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

### Treasurer

Ruby Curl

### Custodian

Joe Johnson

### Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

### Lay Servants/Ministers

Sandy West  
Asa Whitaker

### Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

### Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

### Staff/Parish Chair

Rikki Painter

### Trustees Chair

Joyce Prickett

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## Our Presence

### Online Worship Views June 25<sup>th</sup>

11:00 Service (YT + FB)..... 80  
9:00 Service(FB) ..... 129

### In-Person Attendance

July 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... 112

## Our Gifts

### Received in July

Received through ..... 07-02-2023  
Total Giving .....\$6,175.41

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Matthew 5:13-20

## Our Service

for July 9<sup>th</sup>

### ALTAR FLOWERS

(need altar flowers this Sunday)

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Holifield  
Diana Waldrip  
Joyce Prickett

### GREETERS:

9:00 Louise Sanderfur  
11:00 Mike Wilson

### CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Rikki Painter

**LITURGIST:** Joyce Prickett

### USHERS:

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

July 9 Ben Shelton  
July 11 Sarah Tripp Lay  
July 15 Jason Taylor

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July 15 Rob & Jennifer Emery

### Pray for our church

for our pastors & staff  
for our leaders  
for those who are homebound or hospitalized  
for every household  
for our small groups and relationships

### Pray for our community

for those who are hungry  
for those who are struggling in life or faith  
for those who are abused and oppressed  
for those who do not yet know the love of Christ

### Pray for our world

for the church universal  
for our nation's leaders  
for all the nations  
for the unity of all God's children  
for the care of God's creation  
for peace with justice

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

## Flower Calendar 2023

We invite you to provide flowers for the altar by signing up on the calendar near the office (or calling the office).

You may donate \$50 or more, contact Signature Gifts to work with them, or create your own arrangement/work with a florist of your choice.

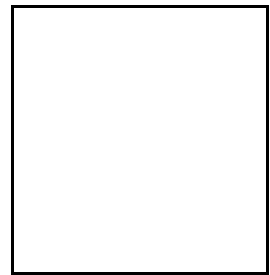
The flowers are noted in the bulletin, and following Sunday worship, volunteers arrange them into individual vases and take them to members who our ill or homebound.

**Upcoming dates open for flowers  
July 9<sup>th</sup> August 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

Come pick your special Sunday  
to do the flowers!



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**The FUMC Challenge**

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

**11:00 Worship Service**  
 Livestream on  
 YouTube and on Facebook

**SUNDAYMORNINGS**

9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

**Announcements**

- July 5<sup>th</sup>** No Chancel Choir Practice  
 Kids - 5:30pm  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm  
 Youth - 6:30pm
- July 8<sup>th</sup>** Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- July 10<sup>th</sup>** Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm



**Community Breakfast**

**Free**  
**8:30 Every Saturday**  
**FUMC Fellowship Hall**

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the July 12<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).



**Come join us for Vacation Bible School  
at Batesville First United Methodist Church**

**July 10-12, 5:30-8:00pm!**

**Dinner will be served each night and all kids ages 3-12 are invited to attend!**

**Kids are asked to bring dog or cat food to donate to the Humane Society.**

**Scan the QR Code to register and receive a free t-shirt!**

